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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
 FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
 SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 20 December 1977

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2. The following topics are nominated for the Presidential Briefing on 20 December 1977:

- a. Poland
- b. Horn of Africa
- c. Nuclear Issues in Countries the President Will Visit.
- d. Saudi Update
- e. Soviet Oil Production Estimates

3. The following subjects are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential briefings; My memorandum of 12 December was hasty in setting up a schedule predicated on the cancellation of the 27 December briefing. There is still a 50-50 chance it will be held. Therefore, some topics should be prepared for it as indicated below:

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To P2	a.	NIE 11-3/8 (NIO/SP)	late	early January
	b.	[redacted]		27 December
	c.	Covert Communications (OTS)		27 December
	d.	Counterintelligence (DDO)		early January
	e.	Soviet Map Distortions (OGCR)		early January
	f.	Sino-Soviet Dispute (NIO/China)		mid January
	g.	Tactical Air Balance in Central Europe (OSR & NIO/CF)		late January
To W2	h.	Chinese Shopping for Western Technology (NIO/China)		27 December
	i.	Profile of the Arab Rejection Front		27 December

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- a. US Research Capabilities on the USSR (NIO/PE) mid Dec
- b. Reduced Oil Production Impact on the World (NIO/WE) 17 Jan
- c. Economy (21 Dec?)
- d. Worldwide Nuclear Weapons Developments Relating to CTB (OSI) late Dec
- e. Soviet Views on Banning Weapons of Mass Destruction ↑? Are we sure we want to drop this?
- f. Factors Influencing Mexican Migrations OER ↓ (DVB)
- g. Estimating Soviet Manpower and Costing Soviet Military Forces (OSR) early Feb
- h. Chinese Civil Defense Programs
- i. Libya's Military Equipment Inventory (short item) mid Jan
- j. Evaluation of Performance of Imagery Systems
- k. Soviet Interest in Very Large Space Boosters ↓ (no model)?
- l. Japan, Its Relations with China and the Soviet Union (NIO/PA) early Jan
- m. NIE 11-4 NIO/USSR late Dec
- n. Soviet Forced Labor Camps ↓? mid Jan?
- o. Telemetry (OII) late Dec
- p. How the Soviets Manage Their Missile/Space R&D
- q. Use of Foreign Labor and Technicians in Arabian States

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- c. Egypt 1978
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- e. Freedom of Information Act
- f. Arab Aid to Egypt
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Chinese Civil Defense

Soviet Views on Banning Weapons of Mass Destruction

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